Gauge conversion in Gujarat

2872. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Gujarat for making adequate budgetary provision for conversion/taking up of certain lines for upgradation to broad gauge;

(b) if so, the number of projects which have been approved by Government; and

(c) what is the present status of Surendranagar-Dharangadhra, Mehsana-Patan and Ahmedabad-Botad railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Samni-Dahej and Rajpipla-Ankleshwar narrow gauge line have been included in the Budget 2006-2007.

(c) On Surendranagar-Dharangadha section 2 out of 4.19 lakh *cum* earthwork, 4 out of 7 nos. major bridges, 22 out of 26 nos. minor bridges and 70300 out of 85000 *cum* ballast supply have been completed.

On Mehsana-Patan section, 1 out of 3.41 lakh *cum* earthwork, 4 out of 9 nos. major bridges and 3 out of 37 nos. minor bridges have already been completed. Tenders for ballast supply have been processed.

On Ahmedabad-Botad section, survey for gauge conversion of this section has been completed.

Rise in prices of onion

†2873. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the rise in the consumer price of onion in the country had started in the middle of December, 2006;

(b) if not, the facts thereof and since when the rise in the price of onions had begun;

(c) whether it is a fact that availability of onions in indigenous market has declined due to increase in the export of onions;

(d) if not, the facts thereof and the agencies in the country approved by Government to export onions; and

(e) the quantity of onions exported, so far, by each agency during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The prices of onion started increasing from the first week of January, 2007. Statement-I giving date-wise arrivals and prices of onion which ruled during the month of Januray, 2007 in Nasik and Azadpur (Delhi) Mandies is placed below.

(c) The export of onion does not have significant impact on the availability of onion in domestic market.

(d) Since exports constitute 10—15 per cent of the total production of onion in the country, it does not significantly impact the availability of onion in the domestic market. Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce *vide* notification No. 20(RE-2003)/2002-2007 dated 8th October, 2003 has designated 13 State Trading Enterprises including NAFED for export on onion from the country. A copy of the notification is given in the enclosed Statement- II (*see* below).

(e) A statement giving Agency-wise export of onion from the country during year 2006-07 is enclosed as Statement-III.

Statement I

Arrivals in Qtls./
Rates in Rs./qtl.

NASIK									AZADPUR							
	JANUARY'07				JANUARY'06				JANUARY'07				JANUARY'06			
Date	Arriva	Min	Max	Mod	Arrival	Min	Max	Mod	Arrival	Min	Max	Mod	Arrival	Min	Max	Mod
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	58509	403	905	725		Market	Closed		5300	750	1050	805		Market	Closed	
2	62632	352	901	711	80152	261	485	415	5150	750	1065	850	5000	450	700	675
3	33089	381	1001	761	66216	213	458	390	5250	750	1065	850	5000	450	700	485
4	58443	301	1111	825	52561	211	435	380	3800	750	1065	940	5600	425	750	500
5	58988	611	1251	951	47875	211	457	361	3600	800	1100	950	7700	425	750	700
6		Market	Closed		58088	112	470	355	7300	900	1200	1025	9200	425	700	675
7		Market	Closed			Market	Closed		Market	Closed			8400	400	675	650
8	68158	599	1170	970		Market Closed			9300	1000	1315	1095		Market	Closed	
9	63501	370	1250	925	63073	151	409	341	9500	750	1250	1225	9400	400	650	625
10	34676	300	1052	911	47837	150	412	330	10900	875	1200	1065	8800	400	675	625
11	49809	450	1111	751	70805	117	385	300	10700	750	1300	1245		Market	Closed	
12	66108	500	1020	811	12000	225	311	270	10600	750	1200	1100	8500	400	650	625
13			Market	Closed	42960	117	385	300	10100	850	1250	1050	6600	400	625	600
14			Market	Closed		Market	Closed		Market	Closed	6500	400	625	585		
15	23190	532	1125	925		Market	Closed		8000	875	1250	1065	Market	Closed		
16	55964	435	1145	941	64335	229	402	331	12000	1000	1315	1125	18100	375	600	875
17	24243	300	1251	1051	43058	230	441	330	10600	1000	1315	1140	7700	350	550	525
18	47740	700	1301	1100	40902	230	381	290	10400	1000	1350	1175	13100	375	550	525
19	12158	636	1200	1068	51827	218	425	290	5500	1000	1320	1200	8900	375	550	525
20		Market	Closed		60375	100	421	260	10500	900	1250	1200	8900	375	550	525

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21		Market	Closed		Market	Closed		Market	Closed				5800	350	525	500
22	71460	473	1091	901		Market	Closed		11100	875	1250	1065	Market	Closed		
23	37966	676	1101	931	54211	150	370	240	7000	875	1250	1065	13800	375	500	475
24	32423	205	1035	951	42520	150	398	255	4200	1100	1305	1135	14100	350	500	450
25	71891	551	1100	875	21760	100	325	280	7500	1065	1250	1130	10600	350	450	425
26	Market	Closed		Market	Closed		Market	Closed		Market	Closed		Market	Closed		
27	Market	Closed			43000	200	322	271	5500	1050	1250	1162	5600	350	475	450
28	Market	Closed		Market	Closed		Market	Closed					5400	350	500	460
29	50764	525	1111	971				8000	1075	1250	1112	Market	Closed			
30	43628	750	1130	1031	63570	151	292	5500	1125	1225	1150	26500	325	500	350	
31	19000	399	1086	975	38440	140	304	211	3500	1150	1250	1175	25000	325	500	350
Total	1044340	205	1301	912	1065565	100	485	305	200800	750	1350	1081	244200	325	750	553

Statement-II

Notification amending ITC (HS) Classifications

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NOTIFICATION NO. 20(RE-2003)/2002-2007

NEW DELHI DATED THE 8TH OCTOBER, 2003

S.O. (E) In exercise of powers conferred by Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 (No. 22 of 1992) read with Paragraph 1.1. and 2.4 of the Export and Import policy, 2002-2007 the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the "ITC(HS) Classifications of Export and Import Items, 2002-2007."

2. The entry at code no. 0703 of Schedule 2 of ITC(HS) shall be amended as under:

Code	Item/Description	Policy	Nature of Restriction
0703	Onion (all varieties including Bangalore Rose Onions and Krishnapuram Onions)	STEs	Export through (i) National agricultural cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) (ii) Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB) (ii) Gujarat Agro Industries Corpotation Ltd. (GALC) (iv) Spice Trading Corporation Ltd. (STCL) (v) The A.P. State Trading Corporation. (vi) The Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. (KSCMF) (vii) The national Co-operative Consumers Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF). (viii) The North Karnataka Onion Growers Co-operative society (NKOGCS) (ix) West Bengal Essential Commodities Supply corporation (WBECSC) Ltd., Kolkata. (x) M.P. State Agro Industries Development Corporation (MPSAIDC), Bhopal. (xi) Karnataka State Produce processing and Export Corporation (KAPPEC), Bangalore. (xii) Madhya Pradesh State Co-operative Oil Seeds growers Federation Ltd. (xiii) The Andhra Pradesh marketing Federation.

Statement-III

The details of Export of Onion of all varieties by NAFED & other STEs during the year 2006-07 (Tentative)

S. No.	Name of Agency	Export (quantity-mts.)
1.	NAFED	481054
2.	MSAMB, Pune	185405
3.	GAIC, Ahmedabad	189598
4.	STCL, Bangalore	45869
5.	AP STCL, Hyderabad	4597
6.	KSCMF, Banglore	49982
7.	NCCF, New Delhi	50732
8.	NKOGCS, Hubli	45247
9.	WBECSC, Kolkata	14910
10.	AP FEDN, Hyderabad	0
11.	KAPPEC, Bangalore	34914
12.	MP OILFED, Bhopal	34762
13.	MP AGRO, Bhopal	0
	TOTAL:	**1137070**

Committee on Functioning of Safdarjung and RML Hospital

†2874. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sanitary conditions and behaviour of para-medical staff towards patients in the Government hospitals such as Safdarjung and others of capital Delhi;

(b) whether two patients are accommodated on a single bed in Safdarjung hospital and there is lack of stretures and wheel-chairs in emergency ward;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

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